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COMMENTS: Re: Microsoft Settlement

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Via Facsimile (202)-307-1454 or
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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

As part of the public comment phase, I am writing to urge the Department of Justice to accept the settlement proposal in the Microsoft anti-trust case. I believe the terms of the proposed settlement will protect consumers and will shield Microsoft's competitors from unfair business practices. By accepting the proposed settlement, Microsoft will change many of its former business practices and will agree to abide by the stipulations therein. If Microsoft is willing to accept those terms, the Department of Justice should be willing to endorse the settlement and bring the issue to a close.

Our nation is facing profound challenges on several fronts. I think your department and the various states' Attorneys General should settle the Microsoft case in order to focus on other more pressing issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Cooke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Darlene Cooke